

# CITY *Visions*

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## *Clock Ticking on BMR List*

**THE CITY'S** Below Market Rate (BMR) Housing Program is closing the lower income interest list on June 29. The BMR Program offers the opportunity of home ownership to income-eligible, first-time home buyers. The decision to close the lower income

list was prompted by its current length. With over 200 names currently on the list, the waiting period to acquire a home could reach 10 years. Due to their shorter length, the

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## *Drunk Driving Consequences Become Real For Local Teens*

**ON APRIL 30**, the Morgan Hill Police Department, in conjunction with other Santa Clara County law enforcement agencies, participated in the 13th Annual Sober Graduation/Reality Check. This program discourages drinking and driving by providing a "sobering experience" for high school student journalists and advisors.

The day starts at 8:30 a.m. when two uniformed Morgan Hill Police Officers pick up the students and their advisors at school. They are then transported to the Morgan Hill Police Department where they are shown how police officers identify and process a drinking driver. Field sobriety tests are conducted and an arrest is made. The "prisoner" is handcuffed and taken through the entire booking process. This consists of obtaining a breath sample, taking booking photographs, and getting fingerprinted.

The students and advisors are then brought to the Santa Clara County Main Jail for a tour of the facility, followed by a panel discussion. Panel members include a victim of a

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## *California Energy Challenges Are Real*

**CALIFORNIA CONTINUES** to experience electrical shortages and rolling blackouts throughout the State. To reduce the risk of power outages, the most important thing we can do in the short term is reduce our demand for electricity and use energy more efficiently. To request your free copy of Energy Savers, a helpful booklet for residents, call 779-7247 or e-mail your request to [environ@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov](mailto:environ@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov). ☞

## *Is There a New Free Toilet in Your Future?*

**IF YOUR** home was built prior to 1993, it is probable that your toilet may be a real water waster. Wasting water not only raises your water bill, it also increases your sewer bill, wastes precious energy resources, and reduces everyone's water pressure. To encourage residents to install more efficient toilets, the Santa Clara Valley Water District is funding a toilet giveaway event in Morgan Hill on June 2. ***That's right, Free Toilets!***

**TIME AND DATE:** JUNE 2, 2001 FROM 9 AM - 1 PM  
**LOCATION:** END OF EDES COURT (EDES COURT IS OFF OF THE WEST SIDE OF MONTEREY BETWEEN DUINNE AND TENINANT. THERE IS A CAR WASH ON THE CORNER)  
**REQUIREMENTS:** TO GET NEW TOILETS FOR YOUR HOME, YOU'LL NEED TO:

1. BE A RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY
2. COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AT THE EVENT
3. PRESENT A CURRENT WATER BILL
4. PRESENT A VALID ID MATCHING THE ADDRESS ON THE WATER BILL
5. RETURN THE OLD TOILET FOR RECYCLING (THE TOILET RECYCLING EVENT WILL BE ON JUNE 16 FROM 9 TO 1 AT THE SAME LOCATION)

You can get up to three toilets for your home. The toilets replaced must be of the old water wasting variety. This means they're using more than three gallons per flush. For more information on this event, call 779-7247. ☞

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## *Tired Of That Commute? Work Where You Live*

**THE CITY** of Morgan Hill is hiring! We expect to have several full-time, part-time, and temporary positions open through the coming months.

Openings with the City can range from recreation instructors who teach classes on a seasonal basis, to clerical, support, and maintenance staff, as well as professional staff including planners, analysts, engineers, and managers.

The City offers a very competitive salary and benefits package. Certain positions, such as Police Officer, also have special hiring incentives.

Perhaps it's time to trade your stock options for a 10-minute commute and the satisfaction of serving your community.

Find out more about City job openings by visiting our website at <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/jobs/opening.htm>. You may also call our Job Hotline at 779-7276, or visit City Hall to obtain information about current recruitments.

Also on our website are details about what to expect in the hiring process, at <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/jobs/index.htm>, and lots of information about the City's benefits, at <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/jobs/benefits.htm>. ☞

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## *June 2 - Dispose Of Paint, Cleaners And Other Household Waste The Easy, Environmentally Friendly Way*

**NOT ONLY** is it illegal to put hazardous waste in your trash, toilet, or storm drain, doing so endangers sanitation workers and wildlife. While Morgan Hill residents can bring their household hazardous wastes to any County collection event at no charge every month of the year, June is the month that finds these mobile events closest to Morgan Hill.

Do you use batteries, pesticides, strong cleaners, or paint around your home? If so, you probably generate household hazardous waste. Generally,

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## *Working With The City Gets Easier; E-Government On the Way!*



**WE'RE OPEN** from 8 am to 5 pm, five days a week, excluding holidays. But is that when it's most convenient for you to do business at City Hall?

Over the last several months, City staff have been planning a number of changes to the City's website. (Find us at <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/index.htm>.) Our goal is to make it easier for you to access City services whenever you need to - not just when we are here.

We've studied what other cities are offering online. We held a focus group session in January asking residents and business community members what they would like to see on our site. Now we're working on how to get there.

In the next several months, we plan to offer several new features on the City's website. If you'd like to report a pothole or obtain a City job application form, you'll be able to do that online. If you want to read detailed staff reports on Council or Redevelopment Agency items, you'll be able to do that online. If you'd like to search the City's municipal code or get the latest speed survey reports for City streets, you'll be able to do that on line. We'll also be working to improve the appearance of our site, and make it easier for you to find the information you need.

Long term, we hope to enable residents to pay utility bills and reserve parks online, file minor police reports online, open and close utility accounts online, and apply for animal licenses online. We want business customers to be able to apply for business licenses, register special events, and obtain building and planning permits online. The costs and time lines for these initiatives are still being evaluated.

We invite your feedback and suggestions for how we can improve our service to you through enhancing our website. In the next several months, check out the "What's New" section of the website, and updates in City Visions, for more information about website improvements. See you online! ☞

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# Winners Announced in the City of Morgan Hill Third Annual Recycling Rewards Poster Design Contest

## The 2001 Recycling Rewards Poster Contest Winners! Great Job!

### **GRADES K-3:**

**FIRST PLACE,**  
DAVID HUANG  
**SECOND PLACE,**  
ERIC LAU  
**THIRD PLACE,**  
KAYLA CROMER  
**EDITOR'S CHOICE,**  
LIVIO CONZETT

### **GRADES K-3**

#### **HONORABLE MENTIONS:**

PETRA HALIBUR  
STEVEN LINDER  
KIRSTEN DOTING  
AND AILEE FEBER

### **GRADES 4-6**

**FIRST PLACE,** THOMAS LAU  
**SECOND PLACE,** EMMA MERRICK  
**THIRD PLACE,** VIVIENNE CASTILLO  
**EDITOR'S CHOICE,** EMILY CHIRI  
ADAM CHIRI AND ANDREW CHIRI

### **GRADES 4-6**

#### **HONORABLE MENTIONS:**

BETH PORTESI  
EVELYN HERRERA  
CHRIS ARCE  
KAYLA SAMPSON  
CHRISTINA JENNINGS  
STEPHANIE ROSALES  
ERICA ALVAREZ  
VICTORIA HOY  
JINA PARK  
LARISSA GOMEZ  
GABRIELLE AGUIRRE  
KELLY ROSE JOYCE  
JOHN KIM  
ALEX HOGAN  
STEPHANIE DOTING  
KAMI TERSINI  
CATHERINE SIMMONDS  
SHAILA PATEL  
ROBERT BARSANTI  
AURELIA RUIZ

### **GRADES 7-12:**

**FIRST PLACE,** ANNA LE  
**SECOND PLACE,**  
KATIE ARNERICH  
**THIRD PLACE,**  
CHELSEA CARROLL  
**EDITOR'S CHOICE,**  
ANDREW KAMMERMEYER  
AND KRISTY SCHOW;  
**EDITOR'S CHOICE**  
**"BEST CONCEPT,"**  
ERIN ELIZABETH LEMMON  
AND ALYSSA ADAMO;

### **GRADES 7-12**

#### **HONORABLE MENTIONS:**

NATASHA PRICE  
VERONICA FUERTE  
RIDWA ABDI  
CHRIS FRITTER  
COLLIN MARTIN.

**THE CITY** of Morgan Hill announced the winners of the Third Annual Recycling Rewards Poster Design Contest. The contest, open to all Morgan Hill students, was held this past February.

The City of Morgan Hill received hundreds of entries for the contest, held as part of the recycling Rewards Community Education Program. This year's theme "Our Earth, Our Friend" coincides with Earth Day on April 22, 2001.

"Each year we are impressed by the entries we receive. They continue to express a real concern for our planet's health. We hope that the designs will heighten the community's awareness of the importance of recycling," said Tony Eulo, Environmental Programs Division Manager for the City of Morgan Hill.

The winning posters will be displayed locally at BookSmart located in downtown Morgan Hill and also be featured in the City of Morgan Hill's 2002 recycling calendar and other environmental education materials throughout the year.

First through Third place winners, along with Editors Choice winners, will receive a Certificate of Honor, signed by the Mayor of Morgan Hill, during an upcoming City Council meeting. Designers of the three, first-place posters also receive a \$100 cash award. Honorable Mention winners will receive a Certificate, signed by the Mayor, in the mail during the next few weeks.

The Recycling Rewards Program began in April 1999 to educate and encourage residents to reduce their household waste by 50 percent through expanded recycling services.

Many of last years winners are featured in the current 2001 recycling calendar, mailed to residents in December 2000. If you didn't receive a calendar or would like more information on Recycling Rewards, contact the City of Morgan Hill Environmental Programs Division at 408 779-7247. ☎

## BE FRIENDLY TO YOUR ENVIRONMENT



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households have 3-10 gallons of hazardous materials in them. Look under your kitchen sink, in your bathroom, in your garage, in your basement. Some hazardous materials are obvious: old gasoline, paint thinner, pesticides. But many are not: polishes, glues, batteries, paints, cleaners. Some of these contain the same compounds used by industry.

Saturday, June 2 is the annual South County household hazardous waste collection day. To participate, you must preregister by calling 299-7300.

**There are a limited number of appointments; they are issued on a first-come, first-served bases. Call early to schedule your appointment.**

#### **What to bring:**

*Flammable, corrosive or poisonous substances such as: paint, thinner, stains, varnishes, etc., garden chemicals (herbicides, pesticides), auto fluids\* (gasoline, antifreeze, etc.), aerosols, cleaners, disinfectants, drain openers, pool chemicals, photo chemicals, batteries, other hazardous wastes*

\* Used motor oil may be taken to the Speedee Lube at Tennant Station or placed out with curbside recyclables for collection. Call South Valley Disposal & Recycling at 842-3358 to receive a special container for curbside collection.

**Do not bring:** Asbestos or medical waste.

If you have a question about hazardous wastes, call the Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at 299-7300.

The City, and therefore City taxpayers, is charged on a "per car" basis at these collection events. If you don't have a tremendous amount of hazardous waste yourself, consider pairing up with a friend or neighbor to go the event. ☺

## Tips To Help Manage Your Household Hazardous Waste

*Never pour motor oil, paints, or chemicals of any kind down storm drains or sinks. These household hazardous wastes should be recycled or taken to a collection center.*

*Keep unused portions in their original containers with labels intact and readable.*

*Store hazardous materials in a place inaccessible to children or pets.*

*Reduce your waste and save money by purchasing only materials you need and will use.*

*Don't mix different products. This can cause explosive or poisonous chemical reactions.*

*Let used solvents and paint thinners set for a while in a closed jar. The dirt and paints will settle to the bottom. The top portion can be reused. The amount of actual waste for disposal will be much less.*

*Offer surplus portions of products that are useable and safely packaged to others, such as pesticides to nurseries, and paint to theater groups.*

*Think twice before buying and using hazardous substances. For a free pamphlet on less-toxic approaches to living, contact the Environmental Programs Division at 779-7247 and ask for your free copy of "Pests Bugging You?". ☺*

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median and moderate income lists will remain open at this time. For those interested in applying, application forms are available free of charge using one of the following methods: **In person/by mail** at the City of Morgan Hill, Business Assistance and Housing Services Department located at 17555 Peak Avenue - West Annex, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. **By Phone**, call the BMR Hotline at 779-2370 and leave your name, address and phone number. The application can be downloaded **Online** at [www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/housing/bmrpreapp.pdf](http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/housing/bmrpreapp.pdf). To request an application via e-mail, please send your request to [BAHS@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov](mailto:BAHS@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov). Please remember, the deadline to submit a lower income application is June 29, 2001. ☺

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## City Parks Can Be Reserved For Your Summer Events

**WITH SUMMER** on it's way, now is the time to start planning for a picnic in the park. Many of our parks' picnic and barbecue areas are available for reservation. Reservation forms are available at City Hall or at the City's website at [www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/parks/parkresform](http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/parks/parkresform).

The form must be submitted at least 10 days in advance of the requested date. Since reserved space is limited, the earlier you plan your event, the more likely it is that your desired space will be available.

To properly plan for park events, a Special Events permit is needed if your park event will have more than 50 people in attendance; will serve alcohol; will have entertainment (live or DJ) or food sales; or will require an entry fee. These forms need to be completed no later than 60 days before the date of the event.

For further information regarding park reservations or special events, please contact Sandra Thomsen, in the Recreation Division at 779-7271. ☎

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drinking driver, a Municipal Court Judge, a traffic hearing officer, a law enforcement officer, and a correctional officer. This intense discussion is followed by a visit to the County Morgue.

In its 13-year history, this program has proven to be a productive and meaningful experience to the young people who participate in it and those who read about their experiences in the school newspaper. We at the Police Department believe in this program as a deterrent and feel that if just one person avoids drinking and driving as a result of this program, our efforts have paid off. ☎

Article by Officer Richard Foye and Officer Mindy Rojas, 408-779-2101.

## 2002-2003 Residential Housing Building Permits Awarded

**AS MOST** residents know, residential growth in Morgan Hill is controlled by Measure P. Adopted by City voters in 1990, Measure P mandates that population growth does not exceed an average of 3% per year. A competition is held each year to determine which new proposed developments will get building allotments.

The following projects were awarded allocations in the recent competition for the 2002-03 fiscal year:

**Monte Villa:** Located on the west side of Hale Avenue south of Llagas Road, this project will consist of 40 single-family detached and 22 single-family attached homes. The first two phases of the project, consisting of 27 homes, will begin construction in Summer 2001.

**Sunny Oaks:** 34 single-family detached and 18 single-family attached units on 13.01 acres located at the northwest corner of Sunnyside Avenue and Watsonville Road.

**Morgan Lane:** 85 single family homes on 28.34 acres located on East Central Avenue, between Lancia Drive and Grand Prix Way. The project has been awarded a building allotment for the first 39 units.

**Central Park:** 119 single family residential dwellings on 20.97 acres on the northerly extension of Calle Hermosa, north of Central Avenue (just north of El Toro Elementary School). Phase three of this project is currently under construction.

**Mission Ranch:** Located on the east side of Mission View Drive south of Cochrane Road, this project will consist of 129 single-family homes. Phases three and four of the project, consisting of 54 homes, are currently under construction.

**Coyote Estates:** Located on Peet Road, north of Cochrane Road, this project will consist of 204 single-family estate homes on 69 acres. Phase four and five of the development is currently under construction.

**Trovare:** The Trovare project will consist of 54 single-family homes on 17.48 acres located on the south side of East Dunne Avenue, south of Tassajara Circle and west of Hill Road. Phases one and two of the project, consisting of 40 homes, will begin construction in Summer 2001.

Construction of homes in these developments may begin in April 2001. For further information regarding these projects, please contact the Community Development Department at 779-7248. ☎

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# COMMUNITY vent CALENDAR

## COMPOST WORKSHOP • JUNE 12

Attendees of Morgan Hill Home Composting workshops discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th, from 7-9 PM at the YMCA. To register for this free workshop, call the Home Composting Education Program at 299-4147.

## FLAG DAY • JUNE 14

## FATHER'S DAY • JUNE 17

## FIRST DAY OF SUMMER • JUNE 21

## Local Programming CHANNEL 17

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

6/6 7PM Live	6/7 Noon Replay	6/10 Noon Replay
6/20 7PM Live	6/21 Noon Replay	6/24 Noon Replay
6/27 7PM Live	6/28 Noon Replay	7/1 Noon Replay

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

6/12 7PM Live	6/13 Noon Replay	6/16 Noon Replay
6/26 7PM Live	6/27 Noon Replay	6/30 Noon Replay

### RECYCLING HOUR

9:30AM & 3:30PM Daily



## City Elected Officials

Mayor <b>Dennis Kennedy</b>	779-7259
Mayor Pro Tempore <b>Greg Sellers</b>	778-2370
Councilmember <b>Larry Carr</b>	779-9622
Councilmember <b>Hedy L. Chang</b>	778-0511
Councilmember <b>Steve Tate</b>	779-6992
City Clerk <b>Irma Torrez</b>	779-7259
City Treasurer <b>Michael Roorda</b>	778-3653

## City Executive Staff

City Manager **J. Edward Tewes**  
 City Attorney **Helene L. Leichter**  
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 Assistant To The City Manager **Anthony Eulo**  
 Business Assistance/Housing Services Director **Garrett Toy**  
 Community Development Director **David Bischoff**  
 Council Services and Records Manager **Irma Torrez**  
 Finance Director **Jack Dilles**  
 Police Chief **Steve Schwab**  
 Public Works Director **Jim Ashcraft**  
 Recreation Manager **Julie Spier**

## Contacting Your City

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8AM to 5PM  
 Address: 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Animal Control	776-7300
Building Inspection	779-7241
Business Assistance & Housing Services	776-7373
City Clerk	779-7259
City Manager	779-7271
Environmental Programs	779-7247
Finance	779-7237
Fire Department (County Fire)	378-4010
Job Hotline	779-7276
Planning: Land Use / Zoning	779-7247
Police Administration	776-7315
Public Works	776-7337
Recreation	779-7271
Water	779-7221
Volunteer Programs	779-7278

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